

Captain Perugini now concludes his career as chief of NOAA's Marine Chart Division. A direct result of his tenure as chief was a significant advancement in the longstanding partnership between NOAA and the Coast Guard concerning safety of navigation issues. His vision and leadership led to the advances of new technologies, moving paper charting to the electronic world. Today, mariners know their location, in real time, on an electronic navigation system. This advance was not possible in the paper chart world.

With his guidance, NOAA and the Coast Guard entered into a Memorandum of Agreement, which pooled agency resources and greatly accelerated the production of Electronic Navigational Charts, ENC. He made the ENC data available to the public free, via the internet. This relationship not only saved tax dollars, but the improved navigational tools have greatly increased the safety of navigation. Captain Perugini's work has resulted in a significant reduction in marine accidents, which has saved lives, property, and our environment from degradation.

From July 1998 to August 1999, I was pleased to have Nick as a member of my congressional staff as a legislative fellow. His amazing work ethic, interpersonal skills, commitment to the job, knowledge of maritime issues, and gracious humility made him an integral part of my office. I want to thank him for his work and commitment to our Nation.

I congratulate Captain Nicholas Perugini on his exemplary career and wish him, his wife Lisa, their daughter Katie, and their son Nicholas my best. Through his tireless efforts, he has made a difference and has helped to protect the marine environment and promote safe maritime commerce that is vital to our Nation's prosperity.●

TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT NO. 70

● Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of the dedication and service that the American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 70 has provided to Montana's veterans and their communities. The American Legion Auxiliary was formally founded in 1919 by a group of concerned women who stepped in to fill the role of the men who left home for the battlefields of World War I. These women were driven to service by their compassion, by their sense of civic duty, but, most of all, they were driven by their love of country.

In the more than eight decades since its founding, the American Legion Auxiliary has expanded to include hundreds of chapters in every state and territory. Likewise, their original mission expanded as well to include helping many others in need.

The women of American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 70 have been particularly active in their community. They have donated funds to veteran's facilities and programs in Fort Harrison,

Miles City, Glendive and Columbia Falls, MT. They are distributing more than 900 poppies in recognition of the service and sacrifice our veterans have given their country. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, they tied hundreds of yellow ribbons across Judith Gap to show their support for our troops and their family members.

Mr. President, I thank the women of American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 70 and all the American Legion Auxiliaries for their service to our Nation's veterans and communities. These women have not only given their time and money in service to our Nation, they have given their hearts as well, and that is the best thing anyone can give.●

TRIBUTE TO GENERAL ELECTRIC'S APPLIANCE PARK

● Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I rise to honor the workers of General Electric's Appliance Park in Louisville, KY, for 50 years of hard work and quality manufacturing of appliances for the world. From producing the first box car in 1953 to the wide array of products GE manufactures today, generations of Kentucky workers have contributed to the success of the economy at GE's Appliance Park.

The original idea of merging nine plants into one major facility to mass produce GE's consumer products was initially scrutinized and met with skepticism by nay sayers. Doubters didn't think and agree that consumers demanded across America and the world such a vast array and selection of quality products. However, the ingenuity and vision of GE's leadership, behind its strong and committed workforce, considered America's growing population, rise of per capita income and social changes that occurred during the 1950s as evidence that such mass production was needed and wanted by the consumer. History shows they were right, and today General Electric is able to please consumers through offering an array of high quality products at an affordable price.

I am proud to have most of the workers at General Electric's Appliance Park living in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. They possess those core American values which have helped to made GE and this country a great success. I give great pride in calling attention to their excellence and work ethic. I know all will agree that for generations these GE Appliance Park workers "bring good things to life."●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2. An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 5(a) of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Act (36 U.S.C. 101 note), the Minority Leader appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission for the 108th Congress: Ms. SLAUGHTER of New York; Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2285. A communication from the Architect of the Capitol, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of all expenditures during the period April 1, 2002, through September 30, 2002, from monies appropriated to the Architect of the Capitol; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-2286. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Odessa TX (MB Docket No. 02-95, RM-10421)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2287. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Genoa, Colorado) (MM Doc. No. 01-21)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2288. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, (Bishopville and Lamar, South Carolina) (MB Doc. No. 02-197)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2289. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Traverse City, MI (MB Docket No. 02-20, RM-10368)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2290. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Miami, FL (MM Docket No. 00-125, RM-9908)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2291. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Stuart, Oklahoma (MB Doc. No. 02-287; RM-10569)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2292. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Oak Grove, Louisiana (MB Doc. No. 02-321; RM-10583)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2293. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations (Sparkman, Arkansas; Moberly, Missouri; Kiowa, Oklahoma; Crowell, Menard and San Isidro, Texas) (MM Doc. 01-215, RM-10228; MM Doc. No. 01-252, RM-10275; MM Docket No. 01-212, RM 10222; MM Doc. No. 01-210; RM-10225; RM-10225; MM Doc. No. 01-214. RM-10227; MM Docket No. 01-304, RM-10309; and MM Doc. No. 01-305, RM-10310)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2294. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations Lebanon and Speedway, Indiana) (MB Doc. No. 02-143)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2295. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Harrisburg, PA (MM Doc. No. 01-208, RM-10205)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2296. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations (Atoka, Haileyville and Clayton, Oklahoma) (MM Doc. No. 01-254; RM-10264; RM-10375; RM-10376)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2297. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Christiansted, VI (MB Doc. No. 02-220, RM-10518)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2298. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments; FM Broadcast Stations (Jayton, Texas) (MM Doc. No. 01-295; RM-10305; 10381)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2299. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments FM Broadcast Stations (Goliad, Texas) (MM Doc. No. 01-155)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2300. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Cheboygan, MI (MB Doc. No. 02-91, RM-10411)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2301. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Macon, GA (MB Doc. No. 02-281, RM-10563)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2302. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Ozone and Iran Texas (MB Doc. No. 02-261; RM-10503, RM-10607)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2303. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of section 73.202(b), table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Wilmington, NC. (MB Doc. No. 02-129, RM-10437)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2304. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Wailuku, HI (MB 02-221, RM-10519)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2305. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Tuscaloosa, AL (MB Doc. No. 02-273; RM-10562)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2306. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, FM Broadcast Stations, Detroit Lakes and Barnesville, Minnesota, and Enderlin, North Dakota (MM Doc. No. 00-53)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2307. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202 (b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Presque, Isle, ME (MB Docket No. 02-348, RM-10455)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2308. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Bethelhem, PA (MB

Doc. No. 02-81, RM-10422)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2309. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(b), Table of Allotments, Digital Television Broadcast Stations, Avalon, California (MB Doc. No. 02-22, RM-10520)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2310. A communication from the Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.202(b), Table of Allotments, DTV Broadcast Stations, Lawton, OK (MB 02-219, RM-10506)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2311. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service, Sustainable Fisheries, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Spiny Dogfish Fishery; 2003 Specifications (0648-AQ34)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2312. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Closure of directed fishing for yellowfish sole by vessels using trawl gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2313. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Northern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Closure of Fishery for Loligo Squid for Charter 1" received on May 7, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2314. A communication from the Program Analyst, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Limitations on Construction or Alteration in the Vicinity of the Private Residence of the President of the United States Docket No. FAA 2003-14973 (Interim final rule; request for comments) (2120-AH83)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2315. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Occupant Crash Protection (2127-A171)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2316. A communication from the Senior Attorney, Research and Special Program Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Materials: Requirements for Maintenance, Recertification, Repair and Use of DOT Specification Cylinders; Response to Appeals and Extension of Compliance Data (2137-AD58)" received on May 6, 2003; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2317. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the

General Accounting Office reports listed or released in the month of March 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. GREGG, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 314. A bill to make improvements in the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (Rept. No. 108-45).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1039. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to enhance the security of wastewater treatment works; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. MILLER, and Mr. SMITH):

S. 1040. A bill to promote freedom, fairness, and economic opportunity for families by reducing the power and reach of the Federal establishment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 1041. A bill to prohibit oil and gas drilling in Finger Lakes National Forest in the State of New York; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. COLEMAN:

S. 1042. A bill for the relief of Tchisou Tho; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1043. A bill to provide for the security of commercial nuclear power plants and facilities designated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. Res. 141. A resolution recognizing "Inventing Flight: The Centennial Celebration", a celebration in Dayton, Ohio of the centennial of Wilbur and Orville Wright's first flight; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 53

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 53, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow small business employers a credit against income tax for employee health insurance expenses paid or incurred by the employer.

S. 253

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Missouri

(Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 253, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

S. 470

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the names of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) and the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) were added as cosponsors of S. 470, a bill to extend the authority for the construction of a memorial to Martin Luther King, Jr.

S. 518

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the names of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) and the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) were added as cosponsors of S. 518, a bill to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, to provide better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation, and to collect the data necessary to move islet cell transplantation from an experimental procedure to a standard therapy.

S. 569

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 569, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

S. 575

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 575, a bill to amend the Native American Languages Act to provide for the support of Native American language survival schools, and for other purposes.

S. 596

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KYL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 596, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage the investment of foreign earnings within the United States for productive business investments and job creation.

S. 601

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 601, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site in Oregon City, Oregon, for inclusion in the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, and for other purposes.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 632, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand coverage of medical nutrition therapy services under the Medicare program for beneficiaries with cardiovascular disease.

S. 664

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 664, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the research credit, to increase the rates of the alternative incremental credit, and to provide an alternative simplified credit for qualified research expenses.

S. 724

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 724, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt certain rocket propellants from prohibitions under that title on explosive materials.

S. 736

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 736, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen enforcement of provisions relating to animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 752

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. COLEMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 752, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat distributions from publicly traded partnerships as qualifying income of regulated investment companies, and for other purposes.

S. 796

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 796, a bill to provide for the appointment of a Director of State and Local Government Coordination within the Department of Homeland Security and to transfer the Office for Domestic Preparedness to the Office of the Secretary of Homeland Security.

S. 818

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 818, a bill to ensure the independence and nonpartisan operation of the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration.

S. 884

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 884, a bill to amend the Consumer Credit Protection Act to assure meaningful disclosures of the terms of rental-purchase agreements, including disclosures of all costs to consumers under such agreements, to provide certain substantive rights to consumers